



## FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST 2020

Municipality Eijsden-Margraten, Gulpen-Wittem and Vaals Country The Netherlands

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Name project

The Experience weekend

Category Certification Criteria: mark the category of your project

- Energy and environmental policies (politiche energetiche e ambientali);
- Infrastructure policies (politiche infrastrutturali);
- Quality of urban life policies (politiche per la qualita' urbana);
- Agricultural, touristic and artisan policies (politiche agricole, turistiche, artigianali);
- Policies for hospitality, awareness and training (politiche per l'ospitalita, la consapevolezza e la formazione);

**Social cohesion (coesione sociale).**

\*Cittaslow Solidarity Covid-19

Summary project

Every year during the National Day of Silence and the National night of the night. An entire weekend in the municipalities of Eijsden-Magraten, Gulpen-Wittem en Vaals is dedicated to the values of silence, quietness, space and darkness. During this weekend a variation of activities are organized for all citizens. Concerts, art projects, lectures and exhibitions were organized by the citizens of the three municipalities. In total more than 90 activities were organized in which the core values of Cittaslow are valued. Last year the edition was focused on Silence and Education. An elementary school in Gulpen-Wittem participated during the weekend and opened its doors for different kinds of activities organized by the students.

For every edition an booklet was made to promote the different activities, give information about Cittaslow and its values and interviews with some of the organizers of the activities. The booklet of last year (2019) can be found as attachment.

This year in October will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "the Experience weekend".



#### Goal project

A weekend to just take a step back, look around and appreciate the silence, the darkness, the space and the quietness. To create awareness in the society, that sometimes we need to take a step back.

#### Result project

More than 90 activities that are organized for the citizens of the three municipalities organized by the citizens.

This is a great example of Cittaslow being an item of the society and not only of the municipality.

#### Finance (costs and benefits)

€ 3.000,- fee for partner "Voor de Vormen" by every participating municipality (Vaals, Gulpen-Wittem, Eijsden-Margraten) which gives a total of €9.000,-.  
Working hours of employees of these municipalities are not included or specified.

#### Staff (staff involved and use of time)

The coordination and the organization is the hand of our partner "Voor the vormen". The municipalities are supporting this event and help with the coordination, promotion and collection of all the activities.

#### Additional information (if necessary)

The activities were offered by volunteers, entrepreneurs or semi-entrepreneurs.

Link website <https://www.beleefweekend.nl/index.php>

(if available)



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